

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated August 10, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 5 and 16 are hereby amended. Accordingly, claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, and 26 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,266,116 to Ohta ("Ohta") in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,653,859 to Masaki ("Masaki").

The rejection of claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, and 26 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, and 26 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, "wherein the thickness of the liquid crystal depends on the light transmittance and the color-shift." None of the cited references including Ohta and Masaki, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, 20, 25, and 26 are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

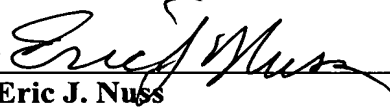
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the

filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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